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Former Medicaid Transportation Provider Sentenced For False Statement on Claims For Services

WASHINGTON - Olakunle Macanthy, a former transportation provider for the District of Columbia Medicaid program, has been sentenced to a total of 10 months of incarceration and home confinement for making a false statement relating to health care matters, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. and D.C. Inspector General Charles J. Willoughby announced.

Macanthy, 50, of Hyattsville, Md., pleaded guilty in June before the Honorable John D. Bates in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. At sentencing on Oct. 8, Judge Bates ordered that Macanthy be incarcerated for five months and then serve five months on home confinement. The judge also ordered restitution of \$103,798 to the Medicaid program. In addition, Macanthy must complete three years of supervised release.

According to the government's evidence, between 2003 and 2007, Macanthy prepared and submitted at least 3,116 fraudulent paper and electronic claims to the Medicaid program, requesting payment to his transportation company, Olamac Transportation Services.

In each of these false claims, he stated that his company provided transportation services for recipients when in fact it did not. The persons that Olamac claimed to have transported had been admitted to a hospital for treatment, were deceased, or did not have a valid, corresponding health care appointment on the day for which Macanthy claimed to have transported them. As a result of the fraudulent claims, Macanthy was paid more than \$100,000.

In announcing the sentencing, U.S. Attorney Machen and D.C. Inspector General Willoughby praised the outstanding efforts of Auditors LaShawn Brooks and Yolanda Mobuary of the D.C. Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU). They also commended the efforts of MFCU Program Analyst Linda Brock. Finally, Mr. Machen and Mr. Willoughby praised the work of Assistant U.S. Attorneys John Borchert and Bryan Seeley and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Dangkhwa Nguyen from the MFCU, who prosecuted the case.

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